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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

HERBERT W. LINDEN, *Pastor*

FEBRUARY 8 to 15, 1942

Church Organized February 8, 1917.

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Dedication

Twenty-five years ago a few courageous men and women began the work of organizing this Church under the guidance of God, with great faith and vision.

To them this volume is lovingly dedicated.

Little did they realize the trials and tribulations, the joys and successes that would be endured and enjoyed by future members during a quarter of a century. The Church has progressed and while many of the original plans have been changed the main objective of the organization has been maintained "the aim to unite men with God through faith."

Foreword

"This shall be written for the generation to come." Ps. 102:18.

Within these few pages we attempt to review in part what has been accomplished, for His cause, in the Albany Park Lutheran Church within the span of the twenty-five years from February 8, 1917 to February 8, 1942.

Traces of the work of former builders have left their imprint and many times this has given us courage and guidance to carry on.

If we and those coming after us clearly see that what is ours of time, talents or money is most profitably employed when invested for God, then this book will have fulfilled its mission.

For assistance with photographs and cuts we express our appreciation to Mr. Lloyd Pyle and Mr. Norman Eckliff.

Committee

R. C. Flodin, *Chairman*
Rev. H. W. Linden
Mrs. G. R. Freedlund
E. Engberg
L. Matson
H. Uding

ALBANY PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

My Church

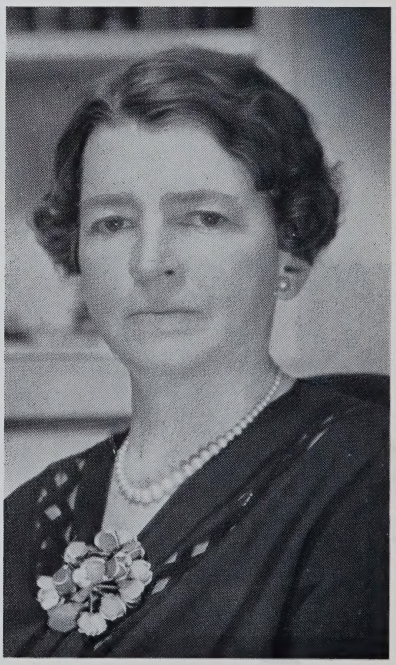
My Church! My Church! My dear old Church!
My father's and my own!
On prophets and apostles built,
And Christ the corner-stone!
All else beside, by storm or tide,
May yet be overthrown;
But not my Church, my dear old Church,
My father's and my own!

My Church! My Church! I love my Church,
For she doth lead me on
To Zion's palace beautiful,
Where Christ my Lord hath gone.
From all below she bids me go
To Him, the Life, the Way,
The Truth to guide my erring feet
From darkness into day.

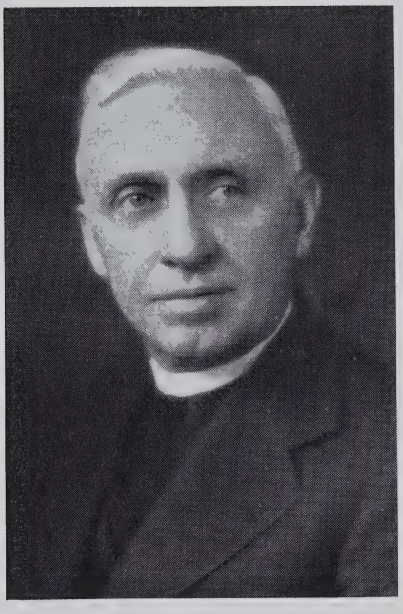
Chancel of Church

This church has by many been called the most beautiful of all the Augustana synod churches in Chicago. It is of English Gothic design. The auditorium seats 400. Doors opening into the parish hall make it available for overflow meetings. The parish hall seats about 300 comfortably. The massive beams in the ceiling of the church auditorium attract attention, as well as the art glass windows and the light colored woodwork. But the most striking feature is the large, well-proportioned chancel with a set of three oil paintings depicting "Gethsemane", "The Crucifixion", and "The Entombment", the work of a Swedish artist, Emile Zoir. The two seven-armed candelabra standing on the altar were once a part of a Swedish art exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago. They were presented as a gift to the church by Mrs. C. M. Hedman. The value of the completed church, including grounds and furnishings was appraised at $104,000.

Dr. Phillip Andreen
First Pastor



Mrs. Thekla Andreen
First Organist



REV. HERBERT W. LINDEN, B.D.
Pastor, May 14, 1922—

Pastor's Family

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert W. Linden and Dorothy

The first church on Ainslie and Sawyer Aves., used as place of worship for the congregation from Aug., 1917 until Oct., 1929. The second floor served as parsonage.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Program

February 8-15, 1942

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

Morning Service at 10:45 A.M.

Sermon.....Rev. Oscar A. Benson, Ph.D.
President of Illinois Conference

Vesper Service 5:00 P.M.

History of Church in Pageant
Directed by Mrs. G. R. Freedlund

Greeting from Northern Chicago District....Rev. Arthur Enquist

Social Hour — Refreshments
Ladies' Aid Serving

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 8:15 P.M.

Men's Club Program

"My Experiences on the Zamzam".....Rev. Walter Ohman

Ladies Night — Refreshments

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 6:45 P.M.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Address.....Rev. Knut Erickson
Controller of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.

Piano.....Ellen Lofberg

Vocal.....Marion Huebner

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

Morning Service at 10:45

Sermon.....Rev. P. O. Bersell, D.D.
President of Augustana Synod

Song and Praise Service 7:30 P.M.

Ravenswood Woman's Club Chorus — Church Choir

Raymond Anderson, *Tenor*

Address.....Rev. O. B. Hanson
Pastor of Nebo Lutheran Church

A Greeting from the President of the Illinois Conference

Albany Park Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Christian Friends,

"He hath much labor for you, and for them in Laodicea, and for them in Hierapolis."—Colossians 4. 13.

Only a few would be able to speak the name of the man about whom Paul spoke the words of commendation quoted above, but Epaphras represents thousands of zealous men and women in the Christian Church throughout the centuries. Their names are not on everyone's tongue, and their concern for souls has not been recorded in ecclesiastical annals. Immeasurable contributions have been made to the establishing of every mission by such devoted men and women, pastors and laymen alike. Some of these heroes of faith made their influence felt in the Executive Board of the Illinois Conference, and many strong churches in our territory today had their inception as a result of the missionary spirit of that Board under the untiring leadership of the late Dr. M. C. Ranseen and Dr. Peter Peterson.

After conducting a systematic study of the spiritual needs of hundreds of families moving into Albany Park over a quarter of a century ago, the Board concluded that it would not be satisfactory to regard that section as merely an auxiliary to some congregation already existing, but that independent work should be begun. As a consequence, Pastor Philip Andreen was called to supervise the field, and on February 8, 1917, the church which now celebrates its silver anniversary was organized. That it was to be a Lutheran Church was abundantly evident even in the name selected, "Olavus Petri Lutheran Church." Today, however, you are known to all men in ever widening circles as the "Albany Park Lutheran Church."

God has blessed you in eminent measure, as He always blesses those who are willing to make the most of the opportunities He gives. You have grown from a little nucleus of 76 communicants to a communion six times that large. You have an inviting church property, and you have devoted leadership. Under God, you have a future, and this anniversary will fix your eyes upon glorious potentialities rather than on past achievements. In the very first year of your existence, the secretary of the Executive Board commented, that the young congregation in Albany Park "already gives evidence of willingness to sacrifice", and such evidence has undoubtedly been provided often since. That spirit of loyalty will be the human basis of your prosperity in days to come.

The vision of the Illinois Conference, entertained twenty-six years ago, has been realized, and on behalf of the Conference I wish to extend to you its felicitations. When those who have had "much labor for you" in past years enter into rest, may their children perpetuate the product of their devotion!

Sincerely yours,

Oscar A. Benson

THE STORY OF THE ALBANY PARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION

Why the Congregation Was Organized

As to the circumstances that led to the organization of the Albany Park Evangelical Lutheran congregation on February 8, 1917, we quote from the historical sketch of the congregation published at its tenth anniversary in 1927. "The need of establishing a church of the Augustana synod in Albany Park arose from the rapid development of this district of Chicago about a dozen years ago, when the Ravenswood Albany Park Branch of the elevated railway had been extended to the corner of Kimball and Lawrence avenues. The Northern Chicago district of the Illinois conference took notice of the fact that many Swedish families were settling in the district, and accordingly directed the attention of the Illinois conference to the need of establishing a church in this field."

Rev. Linus A. Herman, then pastor of the Concordia Lutheran church, held some services on Sunday afternoons in Terminal hall, on Lawrence and Spaulding avenues, in the early part of 1916, but no definite action resulted until later in the year, when Dr. Philip Andreen, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Evanston, Illinois, was called by the home mission board to begin work on the field.

Regular Services Begin

On the first Sunday morning in Advent, December 3, 1916, Dr. Andreen held a service in Terminal Hall, attended by about seventy adults and ten children. After the service twenty-five people, including the pastor's family, promised their support to the establishment of a congregation. The Sunday school was organized the same Sunday.

From that day till August 5, 1917, when the first church building was ready for use, morning services and Sunday school were held every Sunday in Terminal Hall. The first Christmas service was held early Christmas morn in the Albany Park Methodist Episcopal church on Albany and Wilson avenues. The Ladies'

Congregation picture taken Sunday, Nov. 16, 1941.

Aid was organized on January 11, 1917, at the home of Mrs. Otto W. Wallin. The first communion service was held on Good Friday that year in the Wallin home with an altar improvised for the occasion.

The name first chosen for the congregation was Olavus Petri Evangelical Lutheran congregation. The reason for this choice lay in the fact that the year of organization was the four hundreth anniversary of the Reformation, and Olavus Petri was the name of the leader of the Reformation in Sweden. Because of the difficulty in pronouncing and spelling the name, and because its significance was unknown to most people the name was changed in 1923 to Albany Park Evangelical Lutheran congregation.

The lot on which the first church building stood, on the southwest corner of Ainslie street and Sawyer avenue, was purchased on January 30, 1917, from the Albany Park Presbyterian church for the sum of $5,250.

The Formal Organization

The formal organization took place on February 8, 1917, in Terminal hall. Forty-five communicants of the seventy-six who had signified their intention of becoming members were present. Officers elected at this meeting were: secretary, Otto W. Wallin, deacons, A. G. Larson, Otto Wallin, Axel Hult, Oscar Peterson, Adolph Ekstrand, and H. Nordstrand; trustees, G. H. Gustafson, Oscar Holmes, Charles M. Dahlquist, Axel Carlson, August Anderson, and Charles Anderson. It was resolved to apply for admission into the Illinois Conference of the Augustana synod, which petition was granted the same year. Dr. Philip Andreen was called as pastor at a salary of $1,500 per annum, plus the offerings on Christmas day. Membership dues were fixed at twenty-five cents a week for man and wife, twenty cents for a single man, and fifteen cents for a single woman.

On March 29 decision was made to build a parish hall including parsonage at a cost not exceeding $9,000. Mr. Carl J. Johnson was the architect, and Mr. Adolph Ekstrand was awarded the building contract. The total cost of the building was $9,023.41, making the total cost of the church property $14,273.04. Subscriptions for the building fund that year amounted to $2,598.50, of which $1,000 was donated by Mrs. H. J. McCormick of the well known

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Sunday School picture taken Sunday, Nov. 16, 1941.

harvester family by that name. The Illinois conference made a loan of $2,000, and Dr. Andreen loaned $200 for the purchase of the lot. The first confirmation class was confirmed on May 27, 1917, the Hibbard school being used for this occasion.

Added to the difficulties that ordinarily attend the work of organizing and building a church was the outbreak of the first world war, only two months after the organization. Also an influx of Jewish population into the Albany Park district caused some actual and many potential members of the congregation to leave the neighborhood.

Dr Andreen Resigns

Dr. Andreen resigned as pastor of the congregation in the early part of 1921 and accepted a call to the Bethesda Lutheran church in San Diego, California. He preached his farewell sermon on June 19, having served the congregation as pastor for about four and a half years. The congregation owes a great deal to its founder. He made faithful use of the talents God had given him. A kindly personality was a great asset of his. Work on the church home mission field is often connected with difficulties and discouragements. The temporal rewards are often meager, but "thy Father, who seeth in secret, shall recompense thee." Dr. Andreen labored on the home mission field in California, at San Diego and Petaluma, till God called him on June 30, 1933. His wife, Mrs. Thekla Andreen, who still lives in California, was a faithful helper in the work of the church, serving as organist the whole time and in other capacities. Her contribution to the twenty-fifth anniversary is an oil painting of Dr. Andreen done by Mr. Gotthilf Ahlman, a Chicago artist,

Mr. Fred Nordquist In Charge

After Dr. Andreen had moved to California the work was in charge of Mr. Fred Nordquist who was then preparing to enter the ministry of the Augustana synod. Rev. E. E. T. Anderson, pastor of the Concordia Lutheran church, served as vice-pastor. One of the chief events of this year was a campaign led by Mr. Nordquist to reduce the debt which at this time amounted to $9,500. This was undertaken in March, 1922, with the sum of $3,492 being subscribed. The congregation at this time numbered 134 communicant members. Mr. Nordquist who later served as a minister of the Augustana synod, is now also deceased.

Board of Administration in 1921

Standing: Jos. Johnson, A. I. Peterson, Torsten Olsson, O. A. Olson, Gust N. Johnson, Chas. Dahlquist, A. E. Hult, H. Blomgren.
Seated: E. W. Palmquist, A. G. Larson, C. A. Carlson, Dr. Philip Andreen, C. O. Anderson, E. Goranson, A. F. Anderson.

Rev. Herbert W. Linden Becomes Pastor

Rev. Herbert W. Linden, then associate pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran church of Chicago, accepted a call to become pastor of the congregation and preached his initial sermon on May 14, 1922. His ministry is now in its twentieth year.

In October, 1924, a campaign was held to liquidate the debt which at this time stood at $7,500. This campaign brought a sum total of gifts and pledges to the amount of $11,404. After the debt had been paid the balance of the money was invested in one of the lots on which the present church building stands, on the southwest corner of Spaulding and Thorndale avenues. Even then it was felt that it would be wiser to locate the permanent church building in this district, a mile and a quarter north of the original location, a district which at that time was mostly undeveloped.

Board of Administration in 1941

Top row: Adolph F. Anderson, Eugene E. Alstrom, Eldor R. Peterson, Gust Carlson, Roy O. Palmquist, Ernest I. Erickson, Nels S. Stake, Earl A. Anderson, and Gust T. Johnson.

Bottom row: John Okerberg, Geo. C. Lindhe, O. Albin Olson, Rev. Herbert W. Linden, Carl E. Clauson, Edwin S. Engberg, and Arthur C. Andersen.

In group but not in picture: Ernest O. Johnson, George Palmquist, Herman Uding.

The membership was steadily growing during these years, and the financial strength of the congregation was also increasing. During all the years aid had been received from the home mission treasury of the Illinois conference. During the first year this amounted to $1,500 per annum. Progressively this aid was decreased until after eleven years the congregation was wholly self-supporting. The total amount of aid received from the Illinois conference was about $10,000. It may be added that the church has always contributed to the regular budget of the Illinois conference and Augustana synod and also to special efforts to raise funds, especially for Augustana College and Theological Seminary at Rock Island and for Augustana hospital.

These years were years of great business prosperity. The financial situation of the members also prospered. The great building

Church Choir

Top row: Albert Ellison, Gust Stake, Warren Freedlund, Carl Johnson, Robert Sannem, Roland Gustafson, Eldor Peterson, George Peterson.

Middle row: Ralph Harnesk, organist, Nels S. Stake, Robert Anderson, Doris Johnson, Martha Lofberg, Lorraine Nordstrom, Dorothy Sahlstrom, Betty Erickson, Edith Swanson.

Bottom row: Dorothy Ringzelli, Julie Breining, Mariane Breining, Lucille Cedargreen, Ethel Czap, Lillian Lofberg, Joyce McIntyre, Rosebud Wennerberg, Ellen Lofberg, director.

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boom of these years brought great and sudden development to the district in which the church is now located, Hollywood Park, and the urge to build a worthy church in that neighborhood became stronger. In February, 1927, the church celebrated its tenth anniversary with festive programs.

The steps leading to the building of the new church may be traced as follows. At the business meeting of the congregation on January 13, 1925, an extension committee was elected which was to investigate the needs of the congregation and report to the church board. At the annual business meeting on January 12, 1926, the board of trustees was authorized to purchase such real estate as might be recommended by the extension committee. At the annual business meeting on January 10, 1928, the congregation adopted a recommendation presented by the Extension

Organist

Ralph Harnesk

Choir Director

Ellen Lofberg

Committee to the effect that the congregation build a church as soon as possible. The vote was unanimous. At the adjourned business meeting held on January 31, 1928 a building committee and a finance committee were elected, and the trustees were authorized to sell the church property on Ainslie and Sawyer streets on the recommendation and approval of the finance committee. The building committee was instructed to submit plans and sketches for a new building. At the adjourned business meeting on February 5, 1929, the building committee submitted a sketch for a building complex, including church, assembly hall, and parsonage. Resolutions were adopted instructing the building committee to proceed to complete plans for the building along the general lines of the sketch shown, and instructing the finance committee to prepare a plan to finance the building.

The Old Church Building Sold

On April 12, 1929, a contract for the sale of the church building

Group One of Ladies' Aid

Top row: Mesdames Axel Hult, C. O. Anderson, Philip Johnson, Axel S. Swanson, O. Albin Olson, G. A. Anderson, George Berman.

Bottom row: R. C. Flodin, Louis Jawin, Merle Larson, Chairman, G. R. Freedlund, Helga Hedburg, Arthur Olson.

In Group but not in picture: Mesdames H. Wennerberg DeWitt Anderson, Fred Nordstrom, Harry Johnson, Oscar Lundin, Jos. Peterson, H. L. Geiger.

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on Ainslie and Sawyer avenues was signed. The price received was $21,000, net cash. Possession was to be given on October first of the same year. And now the decision to build on the new location had to be put into effect. "At a special business meeting of the congregation on April 16, the building committee reported that the cost of the church auditorium and assembly hall was estimated at $79,000, furnishings and parsonage not included. After a long discussion a motion was passed that both church and assembly hall be erected, provided the finance committee could provide the funds. Following this decision the finance committee held a meeting and decided that a campaign for funds be held May 27-June 10." (Albany Park Lutheran, May Issue, 1929).

We quote again from the files of the parish paper:

"The campaign was begun on Monday evening, May 27. After supper had been served by members of the Aid society we gathered up in the church for the program. Addresses were made by the

Group Two of Ladies' Aid

Standing: Mesdames G. W. Pipenhagen, E. W. Pearson, P. Anderson, Geo. Lindhe, E. Hallstrom, A. E. Anderson, Carl B. Peterson, H. Clauson (Chairman of Ladies' Aid), Nels Stake, E. S. Engberg, C. G. Larson, R. Beckman, A. G. Swanson, E. Brischke.

Sitting: Mesdames E. Swenberg, Norman Eckliff, H. W. Linden, Chairman, C. Jerry.

Not in picture: Mesdames A. Ekstrand, E. Heit.

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chairman of the building committee, Dr. G. R. Freedlund, the chairman of the finance committee, Mr. Gustave E. Bogie, and by Rev. K. E. Erickson, of St. Paul's church, and Russell Peterson sang "My Task". Then we called for pledges, and when we had finished a total of $15,110 had been pledged. After that about 25 people have been giving more or less of their time to see the other members and friends for donations, and some of the workers are still keeping up the work. To date about $25,500 have been received in cash or pledges, including a pledge of $3,000 by the Aid society and $500 by the Priscilla Girls." The total amount of cash and pledges, including contributions made at the corner stone laying and at the dedication of the new church in the next year, was about $31,000. The congregation at this time numbered about 280 communicant members. Regarding the last service in the old church we quote from the September issue, 1929, of the parish

Group Three of Ladies' Aid

Top row: Mesdames Chas. Lindquist, Emma Johnson, J. Okerberg, C. Elmer Swanson, M. A. Mattson, Carl Benson, Nels Larson, J. E. Johnson, C. E. Clauson.

Bottom row: J. A. Severin, G. T. Johnson, Paul Peterson, Helga Godenius, G. B. Ackerman, Chairman, Gunnar Clauson, Anna Wallin, O. A. Carlson.

In Group, but not in picture: Mesdames Chas. Anderson, Gust Carlson, Sigfrid Carlson, Emelia Hammergren, Ejnar Lindell, John Muhr, John Peterson, O. I. Sannem.

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paper: "The farewell service in the old church on Sunday evening, Septemer 29, was attended by an audience that crowded the place to the utmost capacity. Farewell testimonials were given by Miss Alice Paulson, Mrs. G. R. Freedlund, Mrs. Otto W. Wallin, Mr. A. E. Hult, and Mr. Gust N. Johnson. It was a service worthy of the occasion. We gather no more in the old place, but the influence for good that it has brought us will follow us to eternity." Possession was then given to the new owners, the B'nai Sholom Jewish congregation which still uses it as its place of worship. For twelve years it had been the home of our congregation.

Services in the Peterson School

The congregation was now without a home. Permission was obtained from the board of education to use the assembly room and

Group Four of Ladies' Aid

Top row: Mesdames Maynard Knutson, Raymond Anderson, Frank Trophenbaum, Elmer L. Anderson, Roy Palmquist, Lowell Baker, David Strom, Alfred Magnusson, I. C. Anderson, C. O. Palmquist, Earl A. Anderson.

Bottom row, Leroy Matson, Walter Mattick, Herman Uding, Chairman, Knut Olson, Walter Wimmermark.

In Group, but not in picture: Mesdames Harry Anderson, Arthur Gans, Ralph Harnesk, Alvin Knutson, Edw. Strandberg, Marvin Johnson, John Anderson, Geo. Swanson.

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one smaller class room of the Peterson grade school on Catalpa and Kimball avenues for Sunday school and morning services. It may be noted that the congregation paid $19 per Sunday for this privilege, $33 per Sunday when heat was required. Here Christmas, 1929, and Easter, 1930, were celebrated. The Concordia Lutheran church shared its 1930 Holy Week communion with our congregation. Society meetings and Sunday evening services were held in a vacant store at 3242 Foster avenue, this being furnished gratis by the owner, Mr. Walfred Nelson. A small heating stove supplied the heat.

Building the New Church

It may here be noted that it was in the month of October this year, 1929, when the congregation was faced with the task of build-

Top row: Gust T. Johnson, Corp. Robert A. Sannem, Ernest I. Erickson, Maynard R. Knutson, Gust A. Stake, Rudolph C. Flodin, and Eldor R. Peterson.

Middle row: Raymond Anderson, Adolph F. Anderson, Eugene E. Alstrom, Carl O. Anderson, Arthur Johnson, John A. Severin, Norman Eckliff, Gust B. Ackerman, Carl E. Clauson, Leroy Matson, and Edwin S. Engberg.

Bottom row: Geo. C. Lindhe, John Okerberg, Gust Carlson, Earl A. Anderson, John E. Johnson, Edwin Brischke, Chairman, Rev. Herbert W. Linden, O. Albin Olson, Nels S. Stake, and Paul Peterson.

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ing a church, that the great crash took place on the stock market that signalized the beginning of the worst financial depression that our country has ever experienced. But no one was aware of the great trials that were to follow.

The negotiations for a building loan did not succeed till in January of 1930, when the La Fayette & South Side Bank & Trust Co. of St. Louis, Mo., agreed to float a bond issue for $55,000. On February 27, 1930, the work began. The cornerstone of the new church was laid with proper ceremonies on Sunday, April 6. Originally the event had been planned for Sunday, March 30, but on account of the extraordinary blizzard a few days before which covered Chicago with great drifts of snow, it became necessary to postpone the affair till the following Sunday. Dr. F. A. Johnsson, vice-president of the Illinois Conference, who officiated in the absence

Woman's Missionary Society

Top row: Mesdames Ragnar Friestedt, J. E. Johnson, Justina Granquist, O. Albin Olson, R. C. Flodin, Chairman, J. A. Severin, Raymond Anderson.
Bottom row: C. J. Englund, J. Magnuson, Helga Godenius, H. W. Linden, B. Otto Anderson, G. R. Freedlund, Chas. Lindquist, Carl B. Peterson, Paul Peterson.

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of the president, Dr. Peter Peterson, who was out of town, gave the chief address and performed the ceremony of laying the cornerstone. What a joy it was during the summer months to watch the beautiful building grow! The architect was Robert C. Ostergren. The chief contractor was Joseph Carp. The woodwork came from the mill of O. V. Palmquist, a leading spirit in the building program. On August 31 it was possible to use the parish hall of the new building for Sunday school and service.

The New Church Dedicated

The dedication of the new church took place on Sunday afternoon, September 28, 1930. We quote from the Albany Park Lutheran: "It was a beautiful day in every respect. Warm and bright was the sunshine outside, the finest kind of a late summer day. And inside was a multitude of people, at least 750 in number, filling both the auditorium and the parish hall, waiting in hushed and expectant reverence for the wonderful event long expected."

"Then after the prelude by the organist, Bernice Nelson Skoog-

Luther League

Top row: Albert Ellison, Richard Muhr, Carl Anderson, Ruby Fihn, Marion Larson, Berthil Alexander, Doris Geiger, Lucille Cedargreen, Roland Gustafson, Carl Johnson, Rev. Herbert W. Linden.

Bottom row: Margaret Wedeberg, Betty Erickson, Doris Bertilson, Warren Freedlund, Chairman, Mariane Breining, Shirley Parman, Jane Friestedt, Doris Swanberg, Julie Breining.

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lund, the festive procession entered into the church auditorium with the choir singing "I Love Thy Zion, Lord." It was a magnificent moment, one of those rare events in life. First came the choir, the members wearing for the first time their black robes, next came the members of the Board of Administration, then the officiating clergymen with the President of the Illinois Conference, Dr. Peter Peterson, and the pastor last.

"Then followed the ceremony of the presentation of the church to the congregation. Dr. G. R. Freedlund, chairman of the building committee, was first called upon, who then introduced the architect, Mr. Robert C. Ostergren, who stated the building was ready for occupancy. He also said that this building was the second in Chicago to be selected by the Architects Club for craftsman's award, the first one being the Board of Trade Building. He then turned over the key to the church to Mr. A. E. Hult who as chairman of the Board of Trustees received it on behalf of the congregation.

"The dedication service was then begun with the singing of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by the audience, followed by the invocation by Rev. J. Helmer Olson. After the choir song Dr. Peterson mounted the pulpit and gave the dedication sermon, in which he rejoiced with the congregation over the completed task and spoke of the service to be rendered by the church. After a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson the dedication ceremony was carried out by the conference president and the assisting clergymen." Rev. C. M. Olander, pastor of the Olivet Lutheran church spoke at the evening service. In the hours between the dedication and the evening service the wives of the board members served refreshments in the parish hall. On Tuesday evening the other churches of the Northern Chicago district were the invited guests, the speakers being Dr. Joshua Oden, Dr. E. K. Jonson, and Rev. C. O. Bengston. Thursday night was observed as Community night. On the following Sunday the year's class of catechumens was confirmed, and eighteen other members received. Communion was celebrated at the evening service for the first time in the new church.

Years of Trial

Progress and happiness continued for some time after the dedication. There was a gratifying increase in membership, especially in the Sunday school. But the depression that had begun increased in intensity. The majority of the banks closed. Unemployment increased. Homes and properties were lost. Business establishments failed. Anxiety and despair filled the minds of millions.

As a result, the income of the congregation decreased. Pledges made to the building fund could in many instances not be paid. In the fall of 1932 the bottom was reached. It became necessary to borrow money to pay the interest installment due, and to request the bondholders for a new loan agreement. The remuneration received by the pastor was reduced to less than half of what it was in 1930. Because of the closing of the bank that had sold the bonds it took two years before a modified loan agreement could be arranged for. During this time no interest was paid. A canvass of the situation at this time revealed that one third of the membership was unemployed. In 1940 an improved loan agreement with a sinking fund provision and low interest was secured by Att. Alfred Magnusson.

Priscilla Society

Top row: Mrs. L. Matson, Joyce McIntyre, Mrs. Chas. Kelly, Mrs. Frank Trophenbaum, Dorothy Sannem, Mrs. Harry Anderson, Mrs. Ralph Harnesk, Mrs. Robert Hampton, Mrs. Marvin Johnson.

Bottom row: Mrs. Ray Machut, Ruth Carlson, Mrs. E. E. Alstrom, Mrs. Eldor Peterson, Chairman, Mrs. Stanley Ekman, Mrs. Herbert W. Linden.

And now in 1942 the financial situation presents a brighter picture. During the past year, 1941, the mortgage has been reduced for the first time by $2,000. A campaign which brought in $3,600 during 1940 has helped make this possible. Also a number of bonds have been purchased by individuals in the congregation at a substantial discount which will accrue to the benefit of the congregation when they are redeemed. As a brighter touch to this picture it might be added, that of the $31,000 pledged at the peak of prosperity, $24,000 approximately was paid during the years of depression, a creditable achievement in view of the circumstances. The unpaid amount on the pledges has been cancelled. The mortgage today is $53,000.

The financial troubles have not been the only concern. Many of the potential members in the neighborhood, and some actual members, lost their properties in the depression and moved away.

Talitha Society

Top row: Lucille Cedargreen, Dorothy Ringzelli, Irene Swanson, Marion Larson, Doris Swanberg, Doris Geiger, Joyce McIntyre, Margaret Smith.
Bottom row: Mariane Breining, Mrs. H. W. Linden, Mrs. G. R. Freedlund, Jane Friestedt, Chairman.

Their places were taken in most cases by families of another race. This fact, and the lowered birth rate of the past years, have served to reduce the Sunday school enrollment. However, it should be noted that the adult membership has increased by about 180 since the new church was built. On the other hand, the membership lives more scattered than formerly, a factor that is not favorable to regular attendance at worship.

And now, as the congregation celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary, our country has become involved as an active participant in the second world war, just as the clouds of the first world war hung overhead, ready to break, at its birth. How will this affect the progress of the church? Twelve of its young men are already in the military service. Two world wars, one great boom, one great depression, two building programs, all this in the first twenty-five years! However if the congregation was not only preserved, but

Junior League

Top row: Albert Walkoe, Chairman, Ralph Olson, Norman Pearson, John Erickson, Richard Stake, Robert Olson, Richard Johnson, Charles Morse, Harry Wickstrom, Roger Ullman, Raymond Johnson.

Bottom row: Elvira Anderson, Arlene Anderson, Lorraine Klank, Gertrude Wickstrom, Esther Robin, Doris Peterson, Catherine Hoth, Dorothy Foster, Lois Jawin, Eleanor Cook, Marilyn Uding.

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even prospered and grew through all these adversities and difficulties, even in the days of its infancy, ought not that fact serve to give assurance to its members for the future? So far the congregation has found by actual test that the promise given by the Lord to his church as a whole has been true as to its own individual existence—"and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." There are dangers apparent and dangers unseen, but there is also Help Unseen.

Membership Statistics

The communicant membership and the enrollment in Sunday school have stood as follows at the end of each five-year period:

	Communicant membership	Sunday School enrollment
1922	134	148
1927	233	145
1932	339	278
1937	373	198
1942	466	148

Language Used

During the first five years the Swedish language was used at all mornings services and English in the evening. From 1922 Swedish and English were used alternately at morning and evening services. Since 1929 English has been the only language used, except for some occasional services in Swedish to begin with. In later years the only remaining vestige of Swedish has been a brief Swedish sermon at the early Christmas service. To begin with the membership was almost exclusively of Swedish birth or descent. Today the element of Swedish birth or extraction is still in the majority, but a dozen national derivations are now represented in the membership.

Church Organizations

The congregation would not properly progress without the splendid cooperation and good work of its various organizations. The space at our disposal permits of only brief notice of this important phase of the work, but in the pictures in this book these organizations pass in review. The Sunday school is the oldest, dating from the first service, December 3, 1916. Second is the Ladies' Aid, organized Janaury 11, 1917. It ranks first in financial assistance given to the church, averaging over a thousand dollars a year. The Luther League is the third oldest, being organized May 15, 1917. Hundreds of young people have found this a medium for Christian fellowship and service during the past years. The Lutheran Brotherhood was organized June 24, 1918. From 1921 until April 9, 1924, it was inactive, but since that date has carried on its work regularly. The Woman's Missionary society, promoting missions at home and abroad, was organized April 14, 1920. The Priscilla society was organized as a society for young girls October 24, 1922, but the passing years have changed it into an organization for young women. The Talitha society was organized as a society for girls in the high school age November 17, 1939. The youngest organization is the Junior League, being born November 3, 1940, and serving the interests of those recently confirmed.

The Service of Music

The service of a choir at the regular Sunday morning service was only occasional until 1925 when the first paid director was

25th Confirmation Class — 1941

Top row: Ralph Olson, Charles Johnson, Richard Stake, Ronald Uding, Dmitri Borgmann.

Middle row: Richard Pipenhagen, Harry Wickstrom, Eleanor Cook, Margaret Olson, Lois Jawin, John Erickson, Donald Storgaard.

Bottom row: Juliana Barends, Dorothy Petersen, Dorothy Swanson, Reverend H. W. Linden, Dolores Lund, Esther Robin, Catherine Heth.

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employed, Mrs. Charles Wischweh. Since that time except during vacation months it has been a regular feature at all morning services and at other occasions. Mrs. Albert Skooglund served as organist and choir director during the years 1926-1931. Mr. Albert Skooglund served as director of the choir during 1931-1939. Mr. Ralph Harnesk, present organist, has served since December, 1931. Miss Ellen Lofberg, present choir director, has served since 1939. The grand piano in the church was presented by the choir to the congregation at the church dedication. The Hammond organ was donated by the Men's Club in 1937. A church orchestra and a male octet have also contributed occasionally in the past to the musical program. In recent months a junior choir has been in process of being established.

Remaining Pioneers

According to the records available the following persons now on the membership list were members at the time of organization:

Mr. Gust Akerblom
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hult
Mrs. Anna Wallin
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest O. Johnson
Mrs. Emma Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. V. Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Ekstrand
Mr. and Mrs. Gustav T. Johnson

Others, who became members later during the first year, 1917, and whose names are on the present membership roll, are:

Mr. and Mrs. Carl O. Anderson
Miss Anna Olson
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lindquist
Mrs. Hjalmar Swanson
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar S. Carlson
Mr. and Mrs. O. Albin Olson
Mrs. Helga Godenius

The names of two members of the confirmation class of 1917 also appear on the present membership roll:

Mr. Bernard Grafstrom
Mrs. William J. Billings

Men In Military Service

The names of members of our congregation who are in the military service of our country at the time of publication are as follows:

Ernest Dancer
Ralph Erickson
Stanley Erickson
John R. Gustafson
Roland Hallberg
Charles Kelly, Jr.
Richard Muhr
Harold Olson
George Palmquist
Theodore Roosvall, Jr.
Robert Sannem
Vincent Swanson

Statistics on Pastoral Acts

Some idea of the number of people served by the ministry of the church is conveyed by the statistics on pastoral acts. The totals for the twenty-five years are as follows:

Baptisms—372 children, 11 adults.
Confirmed—344. Of these 184 are now on the present membership roll.
Weddings—287 couples.
Funerals—248, of whom 54 were members.

In Conclusion — The Future Record

Thus we end this attempt to present in brief compass the history of the first twenty-five years of the Albany Park Evangelical Lutheran Church. Many things must be left unsaid. We crave pardon for any inadvertent omissions or mistakes.

"Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?" In this manner the authors of the books of Kings and Chronicles often explain that more could be said and indicated where further information might be obtained. So we might indicate further sources for the history of our church. One such would be the files of the monthly parish paper, first called Our Church, then "Olavus Petri Messenger", and for the last nineteen years known as "Albany Park Lutheran." It has served, first to publicize, then to record thousands of details in the life of the church. Almost complete files of it are possessed by the church and a few members.

But not even this can tell the whole story. There is, however, a complete, unerring record, kept in a safe place, and to be opened when all other records shall have been lost. That is the record in heaven. The past is recorded there. The future will be. Let that thought be an inspiration and encouragement to do our part in the future in such manner that the glory of the future record may surpass that of the past.

Herbert W. Linden
Pastor

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3123 Foster Avenue

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4409 N. Rockwell Street

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4729 N. Avers Avenue

Financial Secretary and Treasurer . . . John Okerberg
5334 N. Spaulding Avenue

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5858 N. Spaulding Avenue

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Gust Carlson
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Leroy Matson
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Sven Strom

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Mr. Harold Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Anderson
Miss Margaret Anderson
Mrs. Merrill Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. P. Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Anderson
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Mrs. Sigrid Bengston
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Mr. Gordon Bengtson
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Mr. and Mrs. Hans Borgmann
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Mr. and Mrs. Martin Carlson
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carlson
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Mr. and Mrs. Sigfrid Carlson
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Miss Vivian Carlson
Miss Evelyn Carlstedt
Mr. and Mrs. Sven Carlstedt
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Carp
Miss Lucille Cedargreen
Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Clauson
Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Clauson
Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Clauson
Miss Eleanor Cook
Mr. Ernest Dancer

Mrs. Leo Davis

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Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Ekstrand
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Mr. George Elven
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Mr. Robert Engberg
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Mr. John R. Erickson
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Mrs. Roy O. Foss
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Mr. Reginald Freedlund
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Mr. John R. Gustafson
Mr. Robert Gustafson
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Mr. Elmer Hammergren
Mrs. Emelia Hammergren
Mrs. Robert S. Hampton
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Mr. Kenneth Hanson
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Harnesk
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Mrs. Milton W. Heisel
Miss Virginia Mae Heisley
Miss Viola Holm
Mrs. Harry Hootnick
Miss Catherine Hoth
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hoth
Mrs. Martin Hough
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Mr. Bernard Hult
Mr. Eric Hultberg

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Miss Lois Jawin
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Miss Beda Johnson
Mr. Carl Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Johnson
Mr. Charles Johnson
Mr. Clifford Johnson
Miss Doris Johnson
Mrs. Emma Johnson
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Mr. and Mrs. Simon Johnson
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Mrs. Hilma Wennerberg
Miss Rosebud Wennerberg
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Mrs. Franklin W. Werner
Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wickstrom
Miss Gertrude Wickstrom
Mr. Harry Wickstrom

Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Zander

In Memoriam

Members Who Have Died During the Past Twenty-Five Years

Elmer Reinold Pearson
Lester Stanley Palmquist
Harold Johnson
Anders Oscar Bergengren
John Robert Muhr
Anna Marie Hult
Anna Jennie Hedberg
Mrs. Louise Hammargren
Elva Margaret Johnson
Eric Magnus Goranson
Alice Walborg Swanson
Harold Eric Strand
Mrs. Hanna Mathilda Akerblom
Mrs. Elida Charlotta Anderson
Mrs. Otto Hedberg
Mrs. Laura Charlotta Fristedt
Mrs. Eric W. Palmquist
Elsa Henrietta Bjurback
Mrs. Eva Fredrika Dies
Shirley Ann Wrase
Mrs. Sophia Sandberg
Mrs. Anna Marie Hedman
Mrs. Hannah Carlson
Hulda Charlotta Anderson
Paul Lindstrom
Mrs. Anna G. Gibson
Mrs. Hanna Elina Johnson
Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Olson
Mrs. Charles Johnson
Oscar Peterson
Eric Walfred Palmquist
Otto William Wallin
Mrs. Adolph F. Anderson
Mrs. Charlotte Hedberg
Oliver Hanson
Mrs. Marth Lindstrom
Mrs. Albertina Gustafson
Oscar Leonard Lundin
Carl Bertil Johnson
Mrs. Greta Swanson
Mrs. Theodore B. Roosvall
Gustaf N. Johnson
Mrs. Hanna Peterson
Mrs. Robert A. Allen
Axel Rudolph Hans Olson
Mrs. Signe Strom
Rev. Philip Gottfrid Thelander
Knut Granquist
Gordon Adolph Anderson
Mrs. Ida Augustana Hanson
Oscar Valentin Palmquist
Mrs. Frank O. Johnson
Mrs. Ernest I. Erickson
Helga Ottilia Dahlquist

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henchforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them.